

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
CY-B402  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Proceeding 03-16**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

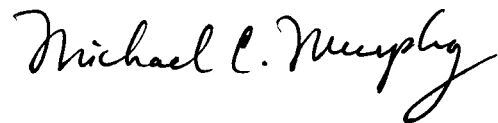
I strongly support the pending application submitted by SBC for long distance service in Michigan. There are many reasons why SBC should be allowed to compete in the long distance market. The major reasons are that SBC employs 15,000 workers in the state of Michigan and has 16,000 additional active retirees.

Many subscribers in Michigan want one phone bill for local and long distance service. Furthermore, fair regulated competition will benefit consumers.

There is already competition in the local market. Twenty percent of SBC's market is provided by another company. Many of the competitors' phone lines are leased by SBC at rates below costs. SBC has demonstrated a deep commitment to its customers, and I am proud to support their application for long distance service in Michigan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (517) 373-0826. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael C. Murphy  
State Representative-Lansing  
District 68